

SOUTH RICHMOND UNVEILING OF MONUMENT INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

Condition of Road to Maury Cemetery Prevents Contemplated Parade.

BASKETS FOR POOR FAMILIES

Charitable Women Provide Well-Filled Stockings for Children in Bethany Home—Car Hits Buggy at Fifteenth and Perry Streets.

Thomas G. Smoak, chairman of the committee on arrangements, announced yesterday that owing to the inclement weather, the memorial services, which were to have been held Sunday, by Maple Camp Woodmen of the World, at the unveiling of a shaft erected in honor of Guy H. Cook, have been indefinitely postponed. It is planned to have a big parade in which all the orders would participate, which would be almost impossible on account of the conditions of the road to Maury cemetery. The monument is of a simple, yet impressive design, and stands six feet high.

Baskets for Poor.
Members of the Fellowship Class of Central Methodist Church were busy yesterday distributing baskets filled with provisions and stockings containing nuts, candy and toys to the poor in the Southside. A number of homes were visited by their visits. Many of the Southside lodges also contributed to charity in various ways. Thanks to the efforts of Miss Ella May and Mrs. J. Carter, the orphan at the Bethany Home will not have empty stockings this Christmas. These women have worked hard in their behalf, and many donations have been received.

Car Striker Buggy.
In a collision with a Forest Hill car, a buggy in which were Sidney Hughes, a white man, and two negroes, was smashed and the occupants narrowly escaped death on Wednesday night. Though thrown from the vehicle by the impact, they were only slightly injured. It was said yesterday that neither the motorman, C. W. Billard, nor Hughes, drove the car, but each other in time to prevent the accident, which occurred at Fifteenth and Perry Streets.

Charged With Breaking Windows.
Howard Coles, a young white man, was arraigned in Police Court, Part II, yesterday on the charge of being disordered and breaking windows in a Hull Street car. Coles claimed that he was hanging on the steps of the car for six blocks, and getting cold, he finally pushed open the door. Justice Maurice dismissed the charge against him.

Personal Mention.
Miss Elizabeth Blume Cooper and W. M. Cooper, principal of Chubb School, left yesterday to visit their grandparents in Winchester, Ky. Miss Margaret Woodward is spending the holidays with her grandparents in Lynchburg.

SPLENDID TRIBUTE PAID

Members of Richmond Real Estate Exchange Present President Funsten With Loving Cup.

Splendid tribute was paid yesterday morning to O. H. Funsten, president of the Richmond Real Estate Exchange, when members of the organization presented him with a handsome loving cup as a token of their appreciation for his good work. Mr. Funsten has been president of the exchange since its organization, more than two years ago.

The president was completely surprised when William B. Pizzini, after an appropriate speech, presented him with the loving cup. Speeches were also made by W. P. Todd and Henry S. Hutzler. Both men spoke in flattering terms of the splendid work of the president. With appropriate remarks expressing his sincere thanks to members of the exchange, President Funsten replied to the speech of presentation. "From the size of this cup it would seem that you all are not aware of the fact that the State is going dry," he remarked.

Robberies Reported.
W. M. Woodson, of Cardwell Post Office, Gloucester, Va., last night reported to the police that he had been robbed of between \$300 and \$400 on the street by a negro woman. The man was unable to say where the robbery occurred or how it was effected.

J. M. Walker, 1219 East Broad Street, reported to the police that a suit case containing a suit of clothes had been stolen from him while he was waiting a train in the Main Street Station early last night.

BANK DIVIDENDS ARE LARGEST IN CITY'S HISTORY

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Company and the Old Dominion Trust Company, comparatively new institutions which have heretofore devoted their profits to surplus, have declared their first dividends.

The Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company declared its usual semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent, adhering to the 12 per cent basis on which the stock was placed last year.

The fact that only one banking institution found it necessary to reduce its usual dividend, and that several of the newer institutions have declared their first dividends at a time when business conditions are unparalleled in the history of the country, is regarded as a unique achievement. The last dividend period has been a trying one for the banks, and the announcement that the usual dividends would be paid, coming on the heels of much discussion of business stagnation, has a significant meaning.

Oliver J. Sands, president of the American National Bank, was optimistic when seen yesterday. He said that business was improving and that the reduction of the discount rates of the Federal reserve bank, and the increase allowed in freight rates in the East, would promote a better feeling about the result in a marked improvement in conditions.

CLERKS RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL REWARDS

Persons in the employment of several banks received Christmas gifts yesterday. At the American National Bank a gift of 5 per cent of the yearly salary was voted. The First National Bank distributed \$4,000 to its employees yesterday, the board of directors having voted a gift of 5 per cent of the yearly salary. The directors of the Planters' National Bank voted a gift of 10 per cent of the yearly salary to its employees, the largest gift announced.

The Fidelity Loan and Savings Company, one of the new institutions, declared its first semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent on the capital of \$100,000, making a payment to stockholders of \$2,000. This is an industrial banking institution, operating under the Morris plan. T. W. Winfree, secretary-treasurer, said yesterday that business has shown a marked improvement the last thirty days over the past four months. This bank did a \$150,000 business the first year, and this year business has greatly increased. It now has a surplus of \$13,000, with resources of \$427,000.

SAYS BUSINESS IS SWINGING BACK TO NORMAL

The Old Dominion Trust Company, another of the new institutions, declared its first quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on a capital of \$1,000,000. The officers of this bank did not attempt a dividend the first year, a liberal amount having been set aside for the surplus and undivided profits. Henry E. Litchford, the secretary, said yesterday that business was improving.

Pay City Taxes

ROOM 107, CITY HALL, Richmond, Va., Dec. 1, 1914.

THE LAST HALF OF CITY TAXES—REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL—FOR 1914 ARE DUE IN DECEMBER, AND SHOULD BE PAID AT THIS OFFICE.

EVERY MALE, twenty-one years of age, and EVERY person keeping house or doing business in the city, is assessed for personal taxes. Those who have not paid any city taxes during the year are urged to call and settle, so as to avoid being posted as delinquents.

FIVE PER CENT will be added to last half if not paid on or before DECEMBER 31.

Interest at SIX PER CENT also attaches to all bills as soon as reported delinquent.

Particular attention is called to the above, as under the city ordinance there can be no avoidance of the penalty.

GRADING, PAVING AND SEWER CONNECTION BILLS are also due and payable. FIVE PER CENT penalty will be added to all 1914 grading, paving and sewer connection bills NOT PAID BY JANUARY 31, 1915.

SOUTH RICHMOND TAXES, ETC., must be paid at the office of DEPUTY COLLECTOR, Tenth and Hull Streets, Town Tax Office, Highland Park, North Richmond, Barton Heights and Ginter Park also payable in December at this office. Five per cent penalty added after December 31, 1914.

H. L. Hulce,
City Collector, City of Richmond.

HOPE QUICKENED FOR EARLY PEACE

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months of it, and after Europe, Asia, Africa and the islands of the seas have gotten into it, I don't believe there is the slightest prospect for peace until one side or the other is utterly exhausted.

It is a matter of common knowledge that the conflagration seems to be spreading, and it appears extremely doubtful whether Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Holland and Spain can keep out of it. All the signs seem to indicate that Greece, Italy and Roumania are going in, and Bulgaria, it appears, is going to keep out only on the condition that certain territory of which she was despoiled at the end of the second Balkan war be restored to her.

SOUTHSIDE DIRECTORS HAVE NOT YET ACTED

Directors of the Manchester National Bank have not acted in regard to a dividend at this period. The matter will be taken up at the annual meeting, to be held in the next few days.

The Broadway National Bank, which was merged with the Main Street Bank, with a capital of \$200,000, will not attempt a dividend at this period. The earnings will be added to the surplus.

The Planters' National Bank declared a semi-annual dividend of 10 per cent on its capital of \$300,000, making a distribution of \$30,000 to stockholders. The usual semi-annual dividend of 10 per cent was announced by the Merchants' National Bank.

The Richmond Trust and Savings Company and the Richmond Bank and Trust Company, new institutions, will announce no dividends at this period, the earnings being placed to the surplus fund. Both banks are subject to the trust company clause of the State law, requiring that they accumulate a surplus of 10 per cent of the capital before declaring dividends.

At a meeting of the board of directors, held in New York on Tuesday, the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company deferred the payment of its quarterly dividend. The action of the company has been anticipated in view of the agricultural depression in the cotton belt, where so large a share of the company's business is done. It indicates no increase in financial stagnation, but is the necessary outcome of stagnation that has existed since the outbreak of the European war, and which is just beginning to disappear. The dividend has not been passed, but merely deferred.

In Critical Condition.

HAMPTON, Va., December 24.—Samuel H. Sarrs, Sr., grand regent of the Royal Arcanum of Virginia, and a leading citizen of Hampton, underwent a serious operation today in the Dixie Hospital. His condition is said to be very dangerous. Mr. Sarrs is widely known throughout Virginia for his work in secret organizations.

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My own judgment about it is that the reason of this strange phenomena is the use of the flying machines, which renders it impossible for one army to surprise the other, and which informs each army of any move of its antagonist. How long they can keep it up no man can tell, but it seems that it is a war to the last ditch, and that nothing but physical and financial exhaustion of one side or the other will terminate the struggle.

Dickinson—Hall.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 24.—P. L. Dickinson and Miss Eunice Hall, both of Spotsylvania County, came here last night and were married in the parlors of Hotel Frederick.

Knight—Bettje.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 24.—Aaron Knight and Miss Mary Bettje, both of Stafford County, were married here yesterday.

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